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- ** It is absolutely necessary that the next legislature be composed of men. Pick them out.
- ** Look for a "land slide" about the latter part of the present month, that will make the political world tremble.
- ** It is important that Congressmen be elected in North Carolina who can be trusted. Now is the time to begin the work.
- *** The Greenville Reflector says: Well, don't our constitution give a man the rent to be silent now and
- ing weather? Everything has been doing its best to outgrow the Alliance. but it can't come it, says the Hickory Mercury.
- ** Florida farmers captured the convention last week and nominated their man, Judge Mitchell, for Governor. He says he "is for the people and with the people."
- ** The People's party of Virginia will hold its convention in the city of Richmond on the 23d inst and will be largely attended. The sterling old Virginia Democrats are arousing to vigorous action.
- ** The People's party Convention of Kentucky will meet on the 16th inst. and organize thoroughly. Over two hundred of the boys from "the dark and bloody ground" will go to the Omaha Convention.
- ** The Virginia People, a red hot and able People's party paper, has just launched forth at Charlottesville. Edited by R. H. Rawlins. It promises to be a giant worker in our cause. Price, \$1.00 per year. ** The "Force bill" would be a bad
- thing. But there is no danger of it. The great West and the great South have joined hands. All the cut-throats and financial assassins in New England can't scare our people.
- time to the writing of his novel of hands of those who earn not a cent. the autumn in The Ladies' Home Jour. | shall get your vote again.
- *** Politicians who have crept into the Alliance and who wish to run it in the interest of the Democratic party, are preparing to capture the next State meeting. At your July county meeting put none but true blues on as State
- ** The Ft. Worth Advance says that the words "In God We Trust," on the silver dollar should be changed to "In Gold We Trust." This is what the Republicans and the Eastern wing of the Democracy want, or in fact this is what Shylock wants.
- *** The People's party Convention has been held in Maine, and that State sends twenty-eight delegates to Omaha. The bread winners of all New England are becoming theroughly aroused to the dangers which threaten their liberties and they will be heard from in November.
- ** South Carolina sends her delegation to Chicago with the Ocala platform "or something better," to ask for 40 Gents.

that body if it will adopt it. Well, this is a round about way to get to Omaha, but we shall expect to see the boys at Omaha, bright and fresh on the morning of the second of July, saucily flaunting the People's party badge from the lapels of their coats.

** The railroads are piling up great fortunes every year, building new track and laying out competing lines. The manufacturers are growing richer and richer as the days go by. What are you doing, farmer friends? Are you richer than last year this time? If not, why not? Have you been lazy?

** A writer in the National Economist states that the total amount of available working cash in national banks in North Carolina, if divided, would amount to twenty-two cents per capita. About enough to pay for one square meal. Oh! but there's plenty of money, exclaims the Moneure Echo

** The leading articles of the month in the June Review of Reviews includes about fifty topics, under which the most really significant and interesting of recent articles in the great magazine publications of the entire world are intelligently condensed for busy readers. Several portrait illustrations embellish this department.

*** Somebody has said that the farmers can well afford to carry their produce over bad roads to market if they can get good prices when they Our friends in writing to any of get there. So they can, We would like to see good roads, but we shall never have any good thing while the prices or farm products are as low as at present, says the Moncure Echo.

** Alabam & steps into line and touches elbows to the right. The honest toilers of that State have been treated fully as unfair and mean as they were in our State, and that is equivalent to saying that their patience has been taxed to the utmost limit of endurance. But there are good and true men in Alabama, and they have had a sufficiency of "boss" rule,

** Col. Farmers' Alliance Olds, the Raleigh correspondent, has been very busy trying to find the members o 'Gideon's Band." He threatens to have them all arrested. So those who belong to the machine "had orter keep very quiet. He says some of them live in Raleigh, and so eager has he been to find them that he laps out "The Colonel [Skinner] is still silent." his tongue at every man he meets. He is a small man anyhow, and this extra "lapping" of his tongue has reduced his weight to 36 pounds, which puts ** Ain't we been having nice, grow- him in the field against Tom Thumb, the smallest man on earth. Read our poetry in another column, which is respectfully dedicated to the Georgia preacher who is said to have given away some of the secrets, and to Col Olds, of lapping fame.

THE EVILS OF FUTURES.

Some of the produce speculators try to create the impression that they bene fit the farmers in their operations. Any sane man knows this is false. The speculators have to live, and many of them have become many times millionaires, hence they and their fortunes are a tax on the producer.

In Chicago a week ago to-day corn jumped from 78 cents to \$1 per bushel. Seventy-eight cents was a ficticious value. Now it looks like that might have been some advantage to the producer. But it wasn't, for in a few hours the price fell to 50 cents. Thousands of dollars were lost by speculators in the few hours deal, it is true, but not one of the lost dollars went into the hands of the corn raiser. The speculators who were "on the inside" made the money.

In the face of all this robbery and rascality the American House of Misrepresentatives meets, adjourns, meets again, wrangles over unimportant matters, smiles at wholesale robbery, winks ** Mr. Howells intends spending his at corporation steals, and the people summer in a quiet nook in New Eng- continue to work for nothing and land, devoting a large portion of his watch their substance go into the American girl life, to be published in Resolve to day that such parties never

----CAPT. ALEXANDER ANSWERS.

Some of the papers in the 6th dis trict have been calling on Hon, S. B. Alexander to state where he stands as to the St. Louis platform.

He has written a letter in which he says he endorses every plank (three) 'Finance, Land and Transportation.' He says the conference platform is the same adopted by the National Alliance at St. Louis in 1889, and were three of the national planks when he was elected to Congress. He says the finan-

cial question is of the most importance. Now that he has again stated explicitly that he endorses every word of the St. Louis platform, and as each of the three planks will be opposed by the plutocrats in the 6th district, his friends there may look out for a determined effort to defeat him.

The Progressive Farmer from now until Nov. 15th Maley, Sec'y Clubs.

ANOTHER STEP FORWARD.

Hon. S. B. Alexander, President Executive Board, N. C. State Alliance. Washington, D. C.:

DEAR SIR AND BROTHER:-Having learned that your Executive Board, at its recent session in Raleigh, N. C., expressed its dissatisfaction with the attitude of THE PROGRESSIVE FARMER in its last preceding issue towards the People's party, I hereby tender the resignation of that paper as the official organ of the State Alliance of North Carolina. While it will remain as true and as loyal to the Alliance organization and its principles as it has ever been, it cannot and will not be circumscribed in its advocacy of the method; which only can bring relief to our suffering people, and which have been so lied on. You have not seen a dozen tion? If so, why? overwhelmingly endorsed by them.

In thus severing its official connection with the State Alliance, it in no measure abates its allegiance to the principles of our Order, and will ever stand ready and willing to extend its full and hearty co-operation to all the officers and the brotherhood for promoting and maintaining the principles which we have espoused

> Fraternally yours, L. L. Polk, Editor Progressive Farmer.

The above letter is self-explanatory. THE PROGRESSIVE FARMER was the first to raise the Alliance banter in North Carolina, Of its devotion and loyalty to the cause, its record must speak. It has kept fully abreast with the great educational movement which has taught the people of the sources of the wrongs, the evils, and the outrageous oppression which have brought them face to face with bankruptcy and ruin.

It has stood by the people in an honest and persistent effort to obtain relief and justice through the two dominant political parties. It has seen these parties openly violate their pledges, and repeatedly betray the interests of the people. It has utterly despaired of any relief or any honest effort at relief at the hands of these parties. Fully nine-tenths of the Alliance people of our State are solemnly impressed with these same convictions, and their only hope is to cast their fortunes with the great industrial elements of the country in the People's party which is to hold its National Convention at Omaha on the 4th day of next July. The only consistent, logical and manly course for THE PROGRESSIVE FARMER is to go with them and stand by them. It has been publicly and boldly asserted from the beginning of the Alliance organization that we must get relief through the ballot box; that we must vote for such men only as would honestly advocate our principles. We have tried ing, so he introduced a resolution in good faith submitted to a platform this through both the old parties and have signally failed, nor is there the least hope or promise of relief at the

hands of either of them. It now remains for the people to assert their rights and do for them selves what their forefathers did before them. Independent action, based upon the education gained in the Alliance is now the only hope and last resort of the people of this country. THE PRO-GRESSIVE FARMER will in the future as in the past, defend and promulgate the true doctrine of the Alliance, believing | ing and manufacturing are found in it to be the foundation upon which must be built the citadel of all industrial reform. In taking this stand it is simply putting into practice what stroyed rapidly. Most of the lumber the logical result of the Alliance propalis shipped North. It is plain that our ganda leads up to. This is the only honest and consistent course to follow and it is taken with the hope and belief they are easily induced to part with that it will meet the approbation of the candid, earnest, people of North Carolina as well as other sections of this matter and discuss it thoroughly. this unhappy nation.

FREEDOM!

Few words in the English language sound better than the word "freedom." THE PROGRESSIVE FARMER is now as free as the birds of the air. We do not mean that the Alliance as a body is hard to please. Perhaps no organ" ever had a more pleasant existence than this one. The very fact that is has had more than twice as many subscribers as any other paper traverse the forests in many of the in the State for three years, and now, notwithstanding the fearful financial leave money here when she buys timstringency among farmers, has three times as many patrons as any other paper ever secured, is conclusive proof that the paper has nothing to complain about.

We were willing for the Alliance people of North Carolina to dictate the policy of the paper while it was their organ, but no one man, no dozen men can do it.

THE PROGRESSIVE FARMER resigns the organship without animosity toward any Allianceman. We just want to be free. It will not become the organ of any party, for that would be putting on the collar again. But we will advocate and assist in the thorough organization of the People's party in the State and Nation, for after giving the other two leading parties years and years to prove their honesty, they have repeatedly refused to do anything.

Our attitude toward, and zeal for, the Alliance, shall be unchanged and unabated. Questions of political economy will get more attention than ever

before. It will be honest and fearless Our motto shall still be, "Equal rights to all and special privileges to none." We will "stay near the people, for they are always right."

To the Alliance brethren and all good people, our columns will always be open for the insertion of notices and other matter of public interest. It is still

OLD VIRGINIA.

a paper by and for the people.

The noble old Virginia "plow boys are not much on dress parade, but earnest work, they may always be relines in the papers about the great Conference of officers were read, saying that our people will not go into the primaries of the old parties. They are not strutting around with bombastic coats and bounding into the ring and bing you of your honest earnings. swearing they "can whip the world" -they are not running "band wagons" and processions of fantastic, brainless determined mein that looks like busisplendid People's party papers and are organizing very quietly but rapidly. When such men as Page, Venable, Goode, Person, Chrisman, the Beverlies, Rawlins, Silvey, and hundreds of other equally true men, shall meet in the People's party State Convention on the 23d inst., you may expect that the sterling manhood and patriotism of that grand old State to be fully sus-

THE "LITTLE GAME COCK" OF

Hon. T. E. Watson, "the little game cock" of Georgia, is doing some magnificent work in Congress. Early in the session Mr. Livingston was induced to introduce a Sub Treasury bill. lay quiet. Mr. Livingston was also quiet Mr. Watson was determined to be elected in North Carolina, w of a hearing as was done by the Democrats and Republicans in the 51st Con Watson also had a mind and he, too, 'bosses" to pass his resolution. Three the support of the State ticket. cheers for the "little game cock of Georgia!" say we.

THIS DEMANDS ATTENTION.

There is much valuable timber North Carolina. It is found from the Tennessee line to the Atlantic coast Walnut, cherry, maple, ashe, poplar, pine, hickory, dogwood, in fact all or the soft and hard woods used in build abundance.

We learn that the fine forests in the eastern part of the State are being de people do not know the value of their timber. Money is very scarce and trees at remarkably low prices.

The Alliances should all bring up The State papers (those that are not too cowardly) should at once warn the people against this practice. Timber is getting very scarce at the North. It brings fabulous prices now, and will increase in price. If you can avoid it sell no timber at all, and positively refuse to sell at even twice what you are now getting for it. The New England States have drained us of everything else and now they are getting our valuable timber for nothing. "Railroads" eastern counties. Make New England

AT LAST.

The sugar trust has perfected its ar rangements at last. Right now when the fruit season is beginning to open. sugar goes up at one jump one and a quarter cents per pound. Among other things, the trust will sell to no dealer of freedom and manhood they have unless he buys 500 barrels at a time. Meantime Congress is sitting nodding in its chair "afraid to do anything THE PROGRESSIVE FARMER for only 40 that may injure the party." If our people march up and vote for such parties this fall as they have been doing in the past, all we say is you ought to be robbed; you ought to suffer.

if you will vote for the right men to They are "party traitors." Congress this fall, such business shall be stopped.

The Progressive Farmer from now until Nov. 15th for 40 cents. Make up your Clubs.

STOP THE PLOUGH AND GO!

Are your children growing up in ignorance? If so, why? Are you troubled to pay your taxes? If so, why? Is your property depreciating in value? If so, why? Do you see a few men growing rich more rapidly than ever before? If so, why? Do you see the great mass of the industrial classes growing poorer year by year? If so, why? Do you find it impossible, with all your hard work and economy, to live as you once did? If so, why? Does your labor bring you poorer re when it comes to solid, sensible, manly, turns than ever before? If so, why? Are your neighbors in the same condi-

As a citizen, as a neighbor, as a ground swell from "tide water" to father, as a husband, as a patriot, as the Alleghanies. It almost took the an honest, consciencious man, ponder breath of the Birmingham Conference, | these questions until Saturday, the 11th when the resolutions from the Virginia inst., and then do your duty to your self, your family, your neighbors, your country and your God. Stop your plough and go to your county meeting and help to organize against show-they are not throwing off their | the corrupt plunderers who are rob

See every man in your neighborhood who is the victim of the robber system and get him to go with you to your whoopers, but they present that calm, | county meeting next Saturday. Don't fail to be there, as you value your freeness. Already they have two or more dom and the happiness of your family and posterity.

THE "BLACK FLAG" RAISED.

Last week we called attention to the fact that the State Chronicle, of this city, had declared that no man who favored the government ownership of railroads ought to be elected to any office, State or National. In its issue of last Thursday that same paper, which is one of the two organs of the Democratic party in this State, or claims to be, goes to the length of the rope and shows its flag in the following declaration:

"We repeat, that no man who favors the St. Louis platform ought to be elected in North Carolina."

If we had said that no man who does not favor the St. Louis platform ought that the people should not cheated out | should express what we believe to be the feeling of a large majority of the Alliancemen of this State. But since gress. So he also introduced a Sub | the Democratic Convention has put Treasury bill. The "bosses" had forth its candidates we have waited to made up their minds that the People's | see if any further attempts would be party should not have a hearing. But made to drive out of the party a large number of gentlemen who, while made it up that he would have a hear- favoring the St. Louis platform, in structing the committee to make a re- that was understood to be a comport on his bill and he forced the promise, for the sake of harmony in

Now, then, the bold declaration comes forth that "no man who favors the St. Louis platform ought to be elected." In other words, the fight is to be made against every gentleman in this State who favors the platform whether now or hereafter to be nominated. It makes no difference if he i the choice of the people in a Democratic convention, the State Chronicle raises the black flag and says he should be defeated.

If this "organ" really voices the sentiment of the party it claims to represent, then the Alliance people in this State, and all who with them favor the principles set forth in the platform adopted by the St. Louis Conference. should thoroughly understand it.

We have believed heretofore that this was a free country, and that gentlemen might differ on matters of government policy and yet be loval to their chosen party. That the late Mr. Randall might not agree with his rupting the Democratic party," preach party about tariff reform and yet be ing "incendiary doctrine," "ruining deemed eligible to office. That Senator the party." In brief, he was doing Vance might not favor civil service reform, and yet maintain the confidence of his party. That Capt. S. B. Alexander might support the government ownership of railroads and not jeopardize his seat in Congress.

If the ticket recently nominated in this city by the Democratic State Convention should be defeated it will be due to the proscriptive policy set forth ful People's party." It really looks in the paragraph we quote from the State Chronicle. We say what we believe our people feel, and that is, that they are not going to submit to this dictation of what they shall think any longer. They have done this to their serious hurt already too long, to continue to do so is to surrender whatever

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A CONSPIRACY.

And now some of the papers are calling the Omaha Convention "a con-If people would all do it, they could spiracy." Those who expect to take break this trust by refusing to buy a part in it are "conspirators." They are pound of sugar for a few months. But "determined to ruin the country."

> A little more than one hundred years ago a little band of Americans declared their independence. They were jeered, threatened and shot at. But they kept right in the middle of the road. After eight years of desper- for 40 cents.

ate strife they won their independent and the admiration of all the civiliza world.

On the 4th of next month a band, men will meet at Omaha Perhan their number will not be larger, conparatively, than the handfull that me at Charlotte on the 20th of May, 17 or the handfull that met at Philad phia on the 4th of July, 1776, 7 patriots of that period had just cans to declare their independence. Man of their countrymen did not appror of their action, but they went about and achieved the greatest victory modern times. What was their com plaints? "Taxation without represe tation." It was a small matter. few chests of foreign tea caused it all Outside of that there were great prin ciples at stake. The little band of Spartans who will

meet at Omaha on the 4th of July will

draw down upon their heads the com bined wrath of the plutocrats and the political aristocrats of the entire coun try. However, they will have the sat. isfaction of knowing that their griev ances are a thousandfold more agrs. vating than were the grievances of the revolutionary patriots. The prin ciples for which they will contend an the same and of equal importance "Liberty and justice; equal rights to all and special favors to none," They object will not be to rescue their country from the misrule of monarchs or kings, but from uncrowned financial manufacturing and railroad kings and legislative barons who legislate for the or that corporation and class at so much per job. It is a protest againg the present financial system by which the government farms out the business of issuing money to a few individuals at the expense of the masses of the people of all classes. It is a protest against the protection doctrine of the Republican party which advocates protection to a few while the masses are robbed and left to the mercy the robbers to be robbed year after year. It is a protest against the 'tariff for revenue only " doctrine of the Democratic party, which declars that it is wrong to rob the people of # per cent., but is willing to rob them a the rate of 42 per cent. It is a protest against the various causes that pro duce millionaires by the thousands and paupers by the millions. It is a pro test against the system by which the towns and villages are having unprece dented growth while the rural district are on the down grade and going at breakneck speed. It will declare that it is wrong for nine million mortgage to be in existence at this time. Step will be taken to stop the absorption wealth by four or five New England States while the South and West are filled with paupers. There a work reconstruction will begin and the sys tem that allows a few men to contro prices of farm products and composition the producer to take less than cost for his corn, wheat, cotton and tobacc will be knocked to pieces. It will be an attempt to rescue sixty million pe ple from financial slavery. The "Se ond Declaration of Indepence" is need essary, it is right; must come and wi

Wide awake. What? Why, The PROGRESSIVE FARMER. Send 40 cent and get it through the campaign.

HARRY SKINNER.

Some time ago when Col. Harry Skinner was making Sub Treasury speeches throughout the State he was a "sorry specimen." He was "dis everything wrong and nothing right

Some days ago his name headed the list of delegates to Omaha. Since that time the newspapers have been denying it for him. Some of them intimate that his name was forged. At any rate he is one of the "best and smartest men in the party, and we hope he will decide to withdraw from the hate like Col Skinner is of some importance

----"GIDEON'S BAND."

Our poetical editor courted the muses awhile this morning and brought forth the following and then fainted:

Do you belong to Gideon's Band? Is the leading question in the land. The papers say that no honest man Should belong to Gideon's Band.

In ye olden time ye kuklux klan Went roving over this fair land. They ate bread made of wheat bran And buried their victims in the sand

This Gideon's Band sits on a log, And laps up water like a dog; Col. Olds says they look mighty grum And are known by 'a working of the

thumb." [The above is horrible poetry and may be a little partisan, but this paper is independent now, and the first man who objects to our poetry will have to write his own obituary.

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